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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" When the ban is removed, the Government will consider the question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will it not prove a better incentive to them to cultivate these lands and to put all their labour, energy and capital, if they are sure that if they continue to cultivate them continuously for a particular period, they would become the ultimate owners of the lands? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The ban over the alienation of lands was connected with the question of reservation of some lands for ex-servicemen ; now that question is practically over and the question will be considered."

Language test for Deputy Collectors.

* 110 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether in view of the impending partition of the Province into Andhra and Tamil Provinces it is necessary to continue the Deputy Collectors' Language Test?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. Sri Kala Venkata Rao) :—" It is necessary to continue the language test for Deputy Collectors until the partition of the Province becomes an accomplished fact."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Import of rice and wheat into this Province for 1945–47.

8 Q.—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the quantity of imports of rice and wheat into the Province from other Provinces or States of India in the years 1945–46 and 1946–47;

(b) the names of such Provinces or States—the quantity from each Province and the price paid per bag of rice of 246 lb. and per unit of wheat imported;

(c) the costs of transportation per bag of rice or per unit of wheat;

(d) the imports of rice from foreign countries in the years 1945–46 and 1946–47—the names of the said countries—the quantities imported therefrom; and

(e) the price or prices paid per each bag of 246 lb. rice to the several foreign countries from which rice was imported and the costs of import and transportation per bag of 246 lb. of rice and per unit of wheat?

A.—(a) to (e) Statements [a] showing the information required are laid on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 567-568 infra.